

City of Pittsburgh

*510 City-County Building
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

City Council

ONE-HUNDRED

THIRTY-NINTH COUNCIL

Bruce A. Kraus, President of Council

***Council Members: Rev. Ricky V. Burgess, Dan Gilman, Deborah L. Gross, Darlene M. Harris,
R. Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor, Natalia Rudiak, Theresa Kail-Smith***

Mary Beth Doheny, City Clerk - Kimberly Clark-Baskin, Deputy City Clerk

A. ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

[2016-0080](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and celebrates the **Beltzhoover City Seniors** and the important role that they play in the Belzhoover community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare ***Tuesday, February 2nd 2016*** to be ***“Beltzhoover City Seniors Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: MR. KRAUS AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

[2016-0081](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the cultural and historical significance of the Lunar New Year, **the Year of the Fire Monkey**, for the Asian American community in Squirrel Hill and beyond, expresses its deepest respect for Asian Americans and congratulates the partners who organized Lunar New Year in Pittsburgh, wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 6 to 23, 2016 to be ***“LUNAR NEW YEAR”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: MR. O'CONNOR AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

[2016-0082](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Mr. Paul Foster for his accomplishment as an author and wish him well on his second book; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 2, 2016, to be ***“Paul Foster Day”*** in the City of Pittsburgh.

SPONSORS: MRS. KAIL-SMITH AND ALL MEMBERS

A motion was made that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

COUNCILMAN REVEREND RICKY V. BURGESS PRESENTS:

[2016-0071](#)

Resolution amending Resolution Enactment Number 271, effective May 5, 2014, providing for an agreement or agreements for the Department of Innovation & Performance to include upgrades to the City's existing public safety systems for a sum not to exceed \$200,000 and for the payment of the costs thereof; said amendment to extend the term from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2106 and to allocate funds from a new JDE # to provide for the same.

Read and referred to the Committee on Performance and Asset Management

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS:

[2016-0079](#)

Resolution calling on the Director of Finance to draft all necessary policies and procedures in order to create an equitable property assessment appeal process to maintain the fairness and productivity of the tax base and to give residents assurance that they are being taxed fairly on property values.

SPONSORS: MR. GILMAN

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS:

[2016-0072](#)

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of City Planning of the City of Pittsburgh to apply for a grant, execute relevant agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, to receive five hundred and forty-nine thousand dollars (\$549,000) in relevant grant funds, to design and construct the S Braddock Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project for the amount not to exceed seven hundred and twenty-four thousand, one hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$724,164). In the event the grant is awarded to the City of Pittsburgh, the 2017 Capital Budget would provide the remaining one hundred and seventy-five thousand, one hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$175,164).

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

[2016-0073](#)

Resolution approving a Conditional Use Application under the Pittsburgh Code, Title Nine, Zoning, Article V Chapter 911 Section 911.04.A.41 to Yeshivath Achei Tmimim of Pittsburgh Inc., property owners, for authorization to operate a Multi-Suite Residential (Limited) use at 2120 Wightman Street, zoned "RM-M" Residential Multi-Family, Moderate Density District, 14th Ward, Council District No. 5

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

[2016-0074](#)

Resolution authorizing the Department of City Planning to enter into contract or contracts, or agreement or agreements, in order to complete an independent traffic study regarding the reconnection of Foster Street. Cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

SPONSORS: MS. GROSS

Read and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS:

[2016-0075](#) An Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances Title 5, Traffic; Article VII, Parking, by creating Chapter 546 - Parking Enhancement District.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

[2016-0076](#) Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales, in accordance with Act No.171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984. ITEMS A and B: A: 519 N. Fairmount, B: 468 Enright.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Law

A motion was made that this matter be Waived under Rule 8. The motion carried.

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS:

[2016-0077](#) Resolution authorizing the Mayor, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works, to enter into an agreement with the Pittsburgh Parking Authority of Allegheny County, for the City of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to enter land owned by the Pittsburgh Parking Authority to construct the Liberty Bridge Rain Garden.

Read and referred to the Committee on Public Works

COUNCILMAN BRUCE A. KRAUS PRESENTS:

[2016-0078](#) Communication from City Controller Michael Lamb submitting a Fiscal Audit of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Allegheny Regional Asset District Trust Fund (ARADTF-PARKS), dated January 2016

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE - FINAL ACTION

COUNCILWOMAN NATALIA RUDIAK PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND LAW

[2016-0066](#) Report of the Committee on Finance and Law for January 27, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2016-0038](#) Resolution providing for the filing of petitions for the sale of certain properties, acquired at tax sales in accordance with Act No. 171 of 1984, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984. ITEMS A through C: A: 2021, 2023, & 2027 Tustin, B: 1501, & 1541 Cliff, C: 8408 Frankstown

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2016-0039](#) Resolution providing for the conveyance by the City of Pittsburgh of certain property, under Act No. 171 of 1984, entitled, "Second Class City Treasurer Sale and Collection Act", effective December 11, 1984; having been placed for sale to adjoining property owners in conjunction with the City of Pittsburgh Side Yard Program.

ITEMS A through J: A: 743 Bryn Mawr, B: 3203 Brereton, C: 5413½ Carnegie, ~~D: 6920 Kelly~~, E: 615 Turrett, ~~F: 7238 Tioga~~, G: 1012 Fairdale, H: 807 Ahlers, I: 33 Semicir, J: 2352 Atmore

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

[2016-0042](#) Resolution providing for a professional services agreement or agreements or existing agreements for consulting services, but not limited to auditing, accounting, and technical services for the City Controller's Office at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA KAIL-SMITH PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

[2016-0067](#) Report of the Committee on Public Works for January 27, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2016-0043](#) Resolution providing for an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh ("City") and the Borough of Wilkinsburg ("Borough") for the collection of a portion of the Borough's municipal waste by the City for a term of five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2020.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH L. GROSS PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

[2016-0068](#) Report of the Committee on Land Use and Economic Development for January 27, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2016-0045](#) Resolution authorizing the City of Pittsburgh (the "City") to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh ("HACP") to serve as Co-Applicant for the purposes of (1) Submitting a FY2015/2016 Choice Neighborhoods Planning and Action Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in an amount up to \$2,000,000; and (2) authorizing a financial commitment from the City in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of formulating a Transformation Plan for the Bedford Dwellings/Middle Hill District Neighborhood.

SPONSORS: MR. LAVELLE

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN COREY O'CONNOR PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON URBAN RECREATION

[2016-0069](#) Report of the Committee on Urban Recreation for January 27, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2016-0035](#) Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh City Code, Title Four, Public Places and Property, Article XI: Parks and Playgrounds, Chapter 473: Use Regulations, Section 473.03 Traffic, subsection (e) Bicycles.

SPONSORS: MR. O'CONNOR

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

COUNCILMAN DAN GILMAN PRESENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[2016-0070](#) Report of the Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs for January 27, 2016 with an Affirmative Recommendation.

A motion was made that this matter be Read, Received and Filed. The motion carried.

[2016-0031](#) Resolution adopting Plan Revision to the City of Pittsburgh's Official Sewage Facilities Plan for Drury Inn & Suites, 745 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Finally. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Rev. Burgess, Mr. Gilman, Ms. Gross, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Kraus, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rudiak, and Mrs. Kail-Smith

No: 0

Abstain: 0

I. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

K. EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. ADJOURNMENT

P LEGISLATION PRESENTED BY SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER